

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating ~~and/or preventing~~ cell necrosis or a neurodegenerative disorder ~~and diseases~~ associated therewith, comprising the inhibition of one or more intracellular elastase enzymes within said cell[[s]] by means of administration of a therapeutically effective amount of one or more elastase inhibiting agents, wherein said elastase inhibitors are capable of entering said cells.
2. Canceled.
3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, wherein the one or more elastase inhibiting agents administered cause partial conversion of necrosis to apoptosis, and wherein said method further comprises inhibiting said apoptosis administration of an anti-apoptotic agent.
4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, wherein the cells to be treated are selected from the group consisting of neuronal cells, purkinje cell, hippocampal pyramidal cells, glial cells, hematopoetic cells, lymphocytes, macrophages, hepatocytes, thymocytes, muscle cells, fibroblasts, myocardial cells, epithelial cells, bronchial epithelial cells, glomeruli, lung epithelial cells, keratinocytes, gastrointestinal cells, epidermis cells, bone and cartilage cells.
- 5-14. Canceled.

Please add the following new claims:

15. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing cell necrosis or a neurodegenerative disorder associated therewith, comprising the inhibition of one or more intracellular elastase enzymes within said cell by means of administration of a therapeutically effective amount of one or more elastase inhibiting agents, wherein said elastase inhibitors are capable of entering said cells.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the one or more elastase inhibiting agents administered cause partial conversion of necrosis to apoptosis, and wherein said method further comprises administration of an anti-apoptotic agent.

17. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the cells are neuronal cells.